

I think the ARRL band plan needs to be modified to restrict e-mail correspondence to it's own separate band and not give it full range of the phone bands. Furthermore remote operation of an e-mail system has the potential to interfere with phone correspondence already occupying the band. Just because the operator can not hear the band being used in his or her location that does not mean that it is no being used in the location of his or her remote e-mail system. Use of such remote systems ought to be allowed only on condition that the operator is capable of verifying from his or her remote location that the frequency he or she is about to operate on is not already in use in the location of his or her antenna. Phone is currently the most popular form of radio communication it needs more not less bandwidth. Ham radio e-mail has the potential to replace RTTY CW and PSK31 perhaps it should be eating into there bandwidth but not phone!